

Women's History Month

**in East London
1-31 March 2020**

**Celebrating women artists,
activists, writers and performers**
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Women Playwrights go back to at least the 10th Century but have often struggled to be produced and accepted. The feminist theatre companies that emerged in the 1970s began to challenge this, aiming to put women's experience centre stage and empower women to make their voices heard. This event celebrates the ground-breaking work of that era through an illustrated talk and staged readings of extracts from key plays including Jane Arden's *Vagina Box and the Gas Oven*, Monstrous Regiment's *Scum: Death, Destruction and Dirty Laundry* and Theatre of Black Women's *Pyeyucca*. It marks the 50th anniversary of the Women's Liberation Movement in Britain and the key Ruskin College conference of 1970 which launched it.

APPLEBY GALLERY

Frances Bardsley Academy, Brentwood Road, Romford RM1 2RR Romford Stn
www.fbaok.co.uk 01708463866

MOTIVE/MOTIF – University of the Arts London

2-27 March 9am-3pm daily Booking essential

LCF invited 20 renowned and emerging artists to each create an image which was embroidered on to a handkerchief to mark Women's Suffrage and the passing of the 1918 Representation of the People Act. The starting point for this was a handkerchief embroidered in 1912 by women suffragettes who were imprisoned at Holloway Prison. Most of the women who signed the handkerchief participated in demonstrations in March 1912 organised by the WSPU. They were denied the status of political prisoners and were force fed. The 20 handkerchiefs were created in collaboration with the specialist embroidery team at LCF. The artists include Mona Hatoum, Peter Kennard, Sarah Lucas, Helen Storey and Rachel Whiteread. A full list is on the website.

APPLES & SNAKES

Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, Shoreditch E1 6LA Box office 020 7613 7498
Shoreditch High Street overground www.apples&snakes.org

JAWDANCE

Wednesday 18 March 7pm £4 in advance/£6 on door

Join us for London's biggest spoken word night. In 2020 we are celebrating the 10th anniversary of Jawdance and this programme for Women's History Month features a headline set from Grenadian-British legend Malika Booker supported by Salma El Wardany. Hosted by the inimitable Yomi Sode. Plus the renowned open mic slot.

